## CLAIMS

1.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment, comprising:

performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;

transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;

and

providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the

search data.

2.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the first application is a first instant messaging application.

3.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the second application is a second instant messaging application.

4.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the search data includes the first search result.

5.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the search data includes a compressed representation of the first search result.

6.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the search is performed using a search term and the search data includes the

search term.

7.    A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the search performed in the first application is a first search, and providing the

second search result includes performing a second search using the search data.

8.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein:

the search performed in the first application is a first search;

providing the second search result includes performing a second search

5   using the search data; and

the first search result is approximately the same as the second search

result.

9.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result includes

10   sending a search request to a server.

10.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising displaying the first search result, wherein an item in the first search result is shown as a hyperlink.

11.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

15   further comprising:

displaying the first search result;

selecting an item in the first search result and

placing the item in a shopping cart.

12.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,

20   further comprising displaying a notification on the second application.

13.   A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of shopping.

14.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of auction.

15.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of news.

16.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of stocks.

17.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the messaging environment is an instant messaging environment.

18.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first application runs on a mobile device.

19.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the second application runs on a mobile device.

20.     A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising displaying a web page associated with the search in the first application and displaying the web page in the second application.

21.     A system for sharing data, comprising:

        a processor configured to:

                perform a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;

                transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;

                wherein the second application is configured to provide a search result based on the search data; and

a memory coupled to the processor, configured to provide the processor with instructions.

22.    A computer program product for sharing data, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions

5    for:

performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;

transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;

providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the search data.